II. REMARKS

In the Communication issued December 2, 2004, the Office remarked that Applicants' amendment to the claims filed on October 27, 2004 failed to meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003. A complete listing of the amended claims in the proper format is submitted in reply to the Communication.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION

If a telephone interview would advance prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number provided below. Additionally, if the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 2518**, referencing No. 7000622002. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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